



Searching on the Web Tutorial #6

Finding & Using a Search Engine

In order to search online, you will need to find a “search engine.” A search engine is a website that searches documents (web pages) for specified keywords and returns a list of the web pages in which the keywords were found. There are literally hundreds, probably even thousands of search engines on the Internet.

All search engines use a similar format for retrieving sites and information. Most search engines will look like this:

The North Grenville Public Library

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Search: ☒ the web ☐ pages from Canada

You simply type in your search and left click on “Search.” The search engine retrieves all of the web pages from its directory that match your keywords and places them in a list for you to look through. Most searches result in thousands and millions of matches; search engines typically list 10-20 results per page.

Search engines can offer you many different choices. In Google, once you type “search” into the search engine, on the top part of the page you are given the option of clicking on web, images, maps, etc.

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You will need to scroll down to the bottom of each page and click on the word “next” to view more results:

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To start, you need to find the search engine. Below is a list of 5 popular search engines. To access the search engine you must type these into your address bar. Search engines come in all different shapes and sizes. You should try a few different engines and select one or two that you prefer, and become more familiar and proficient within their formats. So, choose a search engine from the list below and start searching online today!

Search Engine: Google (www.google.com)

Search Engine: Yahoo (www.yahoo.ca)

Search Engine: AllTheWeb (www.alltheweb.com)

Search Engine: HotBot (www.hotbot.com)

Search Engine: Webcrawler (www.webcrawler.com)